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SUBJECT: HOTELS IN JIDDA

REF: STATE 092821

1. AS OF DATE WE ARE AWARE OF FOLLOWING HOTELS PLANNED  
FOR JIDDA IN NEXT TWO YEARS.

- (A) SHERATON 600 ROOMS
- (B) HILTON - 400 ROOMS
- (C) SABBAN - 200 ROOMS
- (D) MERIDIEN - 400 ROOMS

2. IN ADDITION KANDARA PALACE IS BEING ENLARGED FROM  
PRESENT 240 TO 480 ROOMS. ALSO SAUDI NATIONAL HOTEL  
CO. IS PLANNING HOTEL FOR JIDDA. IS BAKER INTERESTED IN  
LATTER?

3. IN COMPARATIVE TERMS THERE IS NO REAL FIRST CLASS  
HOTEL IN JIDDA. THE KANDARA AND JIDDA PALACE AS WELL AS  
AL ATTAS ARE AT TOP OF HEAP. ALL ARE FULL AND BOOKINGS  
ALL OTHER HOTELS HAVE RUN ABOUT 95 PERCENT OCCUPANCY FOR  
PAST 10 MONTHS. HOTEL SHORTAGE IS CRITICAL AND EXPECTED

REMAIN SO FOR SOME TIME. MANY BUSINESSMEN TRAVEL ON  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER VERY SHORT STAY IN WHATEVER IS AVAILABLE.  
FOREIGN FIRMS TAKING CONTRACTS RENT BLOCKS OF ROOMS.  
SAME APPLIES TO AIRLINES AND MANY LOCAL FIRMS. SOME  
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400 FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN ARE CONSERVATIVELY ESTIMATED TO

VISIT JIDDA WEEKLY. ABOVE HOTELS AND NEW 1000 ROOM  
HOTEL WOULD ONLY BEGIN TO EASE SITUATION ACCORDING  
TO LOCAL SOURCES.  
PORTER

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